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Sixty-Sixth Annual Session

MOUNT PISGAH
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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HELD WITH ROCK BRANCH CHURCH,
NEWTON COUNTY, MISS.,
September 19-20-21, 1903.

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Next Place of Meeting, Poplar Springs Church.

OFFICERS:

N. L. CLARKE, MODERATOR.....	NEWTON, MISS.
JAS. E. CHAPMAN, CLERK.....	NEWTON, MISS.
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STATE OF RELIGION

AND

Fraternal Correspondence With the Churches.



Dear Brethren and Sisters, composing the churches that make up the Mt. Pisgah Association:

Again are we in session, and according to appointment, with the Rock Branch church, by whom we have been most cordially received and bountifully entertained. The congregations have been large and orderly. Elder W. H. Rainer, the appointee, was on hand and preached the introductory sermon. The sermon was pleasant and appropriate. We have had nearly a full representation from the churches, which we are glad to say, are generally in peace, with about the usual number of additions by baptism. We think all of the churches composing our body have had preaching during the past year, possibly with one exception. We think that order and an adherence to sound doctrine has been maintained. We feel there is evidence of increased interest in the work of missions. Our mission work is still done through the General Association, which is growing in favor with the membership of our churches. More and more we see that the great work of the churches is to give the gospel to the perishing families of the earth. We are glad to be able to say to you that our dear association has now been in mission work for nearly sixty years, dating its entering upon the work in the year 1844, and continuing each year until now. We refer you to this with gratitude to God, mourning that we have not done more. Dear brethren, let us give you some words of cheer; the fields are white unto the harvest. God has greatly honored our asso-

ciation, and used it for the doing of great good. In a great degree our churches cover the territory embraced within our bounds. Under God's blessing, diligence and perseverance will enable us to possess the land. Let us pay strict attention to sound doctrine: Salvation by grace, justification by faith, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit. These principles must be enforced, and so enforced as to be the consideration of church membership. This will keep us pure before the world, and protect us against conformity to the world. No harm can grow out of strict discipline. Where these exist, we can well afford to be liberal, and labor to give the gospel to the destitute. Let us bear in mind that "they that sow liberally shall reap liberally." "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand, for thou knowest not which shall prosper, this or that; or whether both be alike, good." He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, and bringing in the sheaves."

"As you go, preach."

May God bless his people.

N. L. CLARKE, Chairman.

PROCEEDINGS

MT. PISHAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION IN ANNUAL SESSION
FOR 1903.

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Saturday Morning, 11 O'clock.

ROCK BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH,
NEWTON COUNTY, MISS., SEPT. 19, 1903.

At the appointed hour, Elder W. H. Rainer, the appointee, preached the introductory sermon to a large and attentive audience. Text, Romans 5:1-5.

Theme—Justification by faith, with the worthy fruits thereof.

The sermon was sound and instructive, and was well received.

Elder N. L. Clarke concluded the services with a few well-timed and encouraging remarks, after which, by motion, one hour was spent in partaking of refreshments, which were abundant and did ample credit to the church and community.

Saturday Afternoon.

The old song "Oh, for a Closer Walk with God" was sung with a good degree of spiritual fervor, after which Elder E. W. Breland led the body in prayer.

The association was then declared open for business, in her sixty-sixth annual session.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

To Read Letters—W. J. McMullan, W. B. Sansing, G. P. Clarke

Finance—T. D. Hardy, J. K. Jordan, G. W. Brantley.

Letters from the churches were then called for and read, and messengers' names enrolled. All the churches responding except Bethany, Concord, Mt. Vernon and Randal Hill.

On motion, Prairie Concord was enrolled as a member of the body

The reports represent the churches as a whole as being in an encouraging condition.

Elder Wm. Yarbrough was appointed to preach at the stand, and did so to the gratification of the people.

By motion, agreed to re-officer by acclamation. On motion of A. W. W. Grafton, Elder N. L. Clarke was unanimously elected moderator of the association, this being the fiftieth time he has been called to this responsible position in succession. Jas. E. Chapman and J. E. Graham were re-elected clerk and treasurer, respectively, in the above order.

All the above accepted, with thanks for renewed confidence in, and honor conferred.

Called for petitionary letters. None.

Visiting ministers were then invited to seats. Elder Eugene Breland responded, and seated as such.

Correspondence from sister associations called for.

Brother A. C. Graham presented a letter from the Hopewell association, which was read and he duly received as a messenger, the moderator extending the hand in behalf of the association.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

On Preaching—Pastor and deacons of Rock Branch church, Wm. Graham, W. L. Robinson, C. C. Roebuck.

State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence With the Churches—W. H. Rainer, J. E. Graham, A. W. W. Grafton, B. W. Rainer, Wm. Yarbrough, W. R. Moore, J. E. Chapman, J. K. Jordan, D. M. Stroud.

Missions—J. E. Chapman, S. W. Monroe, Nat Gully, M. W. Langham, B. F. Lewis, J. H. Satterfield.

Temperance—W. B. Sansing, Wm. Yarbrough, A. T. Cleveland, C. J. Simmons, E. M. Nelson.

Sunday Schools—H. Bruce, G. P. Clarke, D. M. Stroud, T. L. Gaines.

Queries and Requests—J. W. Arnold, H. Bruce, W. L. Collins, H. O. White, R. K. Cleveland.

Publications—F. N. Breland, Geo. Williams, R. R. Freeman, C. C. Bodley.

Nominations—R. L. Simmons, W. R. Moore, T. D. Hardy, J. K. Jordan, J. L. McMullan, J. A. White.

Education—R. K. Cleveland, G. P. Clarke, Wm. Graham, W. B. Sansing.

Orphanage—J. E. Graham, J. B. Gibbons, T. J. Reynolds, W. N. Covington.

The committee on Preaching made the following report:

W. B. Sansing conduct prayer meeting at the stand at 10 o'clock, and H. Bruce preach the sermon on Missions at 11 o'clock, as per appointment. J. E. Breland conduct prayer meeting at the house at 10 o'clock, and J. E. Chapman preach at 11 o'clock at the same.

E. W. Breland to preach at Hebron, F. M. Breland at Greenland, and W. B. Hammond at County Line Saturday night.

N. L. Clarke to preach at the stand Sunday evening.

F. M. Breland to preach at the stand Monday morning.

On motion, a collection was ordered to be taken at both stand and house, at the close of the 11 o'clock Sabbath services, for missions.

On motion, adjourned, to meet Monday morning, at 8 o'clock.

Lord's Day Services.

At an early hour the people began to assemble and by the time for services a large and orderly congregation had gathered for service.

Prayer meetings were held at both the stand and house, and were conducted by the brethren appointed.

The sermon on Missions was preached at the stand by H. Bruce, and was well received and favorably commended by those who heard it. Text—Matthew 24:14: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations." Theme—propagation of the gospel, a witness to all nations.

J. E. Chapman, preached at the house at 11 o'clock. Text—Matthew 28:19-20. Theme—The commission, to whom given, and how to be fulfilled.

The attention was good and it is to be hoped some good was done.

At the close of the services a collection was taken for missions amounting to \$53.95.

In the afternoon the venerable N. L. Clarke preached to an appreciative audience; although he is now in his 93d year, the sermon was unusually instructive, and comforting to God's children, together with a tender and pathetic appeal, at its close, to the unconverted. Text—Psalm 28:9. Theme—Salvation, comfort and sustenance of God's children.

At the close of the sermon, a collection was taken up for the Orphanage at Jackson, Miss., amounting to \$14.40. The congregation was immense, the entertainment was bountiful, and every one seemed to enjoy the occasion.

Monday Morning, 8 O'clock.

After a suitable song service, prayer was offered, led by Wm. Yarbrough, when the association was again convened for business.

The roll was called and absentees noted.

Renewed the call for letters from churches not represented. None responded.

By order of the moderator, and in conformity to the rules, the Rules of Decorum were read by the clerk.

Renewed call for correspondence. None.

On motion, agreed to continue correspondence with the following associations, and the following brethren appointed as messengers:

Salem—

New Liberty—W. B. Sansing, Jas. E. Chapman.

Harmony—E. W. Breland, G. W. Brantley.

Pearl Valley—B. F. Lewis, J. R. McCorkle.

Oktibbeha—W. B. Sansing, W. H. Rainer, M. W. Langham.

Choctaw—

Hopewell—D. M. Stroud, M. C. Townsend.

By order of the association, the messengers were instructed to write their own letters, and sign moderator's and clerk's name to the same. The following brethren were appointed to represent this body in the General association for 1903: N. L. Clarke, D. M. Stroud, A. F. Lindley, J. W. Arnold, Wm. Graham, B. W. Rainer, D. T. Chapman, J. E. Chapman, H. Bruce, T. D. Hardy, R. L. Simmons, Thos. Keith, W. B. Sansing, M. W. Langham, J. E. Graham, E. W. Breland, E. T. Collins, W. J. McMullan, J. T. McMullan, J. H. Satterfield, W. R. Gilmore, W. N. Covington, I. H. Brown, W. L. Pace, J. F. Sansing, Jeff Pace, W. J. Bruner.

Reports of Committees were then called for.

PUBLICATIONS—The report was read by F. M. Breland. Discussed by N. L. Clarke, J. E. Chapman, W. B. Sansing, W. R. Moore, R. L. Simmons, and after amending by adding the Foreign Mission Journal, and the Sunday School literature of the Southern Convention, was unanimously adopted. (Appendix A).

NOMINATIONS—Report read by R. L. Simmons, and adopted. (Appendix B).

STATE OF RELIGION—The report was read by G. P. Clarke, and adopted without discussion. (First page).

MISSIONS—The report was read by the chairman, and after warm speeches on the subject of Missions by Wm. Graham, D. M. Stroud, W. B. Sansing, N. L. Clarke, H. Bruce and J. W. Arnold, was adopted. (Appendix C).

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Report read by H. Bruce. Speeches were made by J. W. Arnold, E. W. Breland, R. L. White,

D. M. Stroud, W. R. Moore and others, and adopted. (Appendix D).

FINANCE—The report was read by T. D. Hardy, the chairman, and adopted. (Appendix E).

EDUCATION—Report read by R. K. Cleveland, after which it was adopted. (Appendix F).

ORPHANAGE—Report was read by J. E. Graham, discussed by W. B. Sansing, and adopted. (Appendix G).

QUERIES AND REQUESTS—Report read by H. Bruce. By motion the report was divided into two parts and voted on separately.

That part locating the association at Poplar Springs was first adopted by a unanimous vote.

On motion, the second part, containing query and answer, was also adopted. (Appendix H).

On motion adjourned for refreshments, which were, as before, abundant in quantity and quality.

Monday Evening.

After an hour of recreation, the association convened and continued to hear reports of committees.

TEMPERANCE—The report was read by W. B. Sansing and discussed by Wm. Graham, H. Bruce, H. O. White, J. W. Arnold, R. K. Cleveland, W. B. Sansing, A. C. Graham. Adopted. (Appendix I).

All committees having reported, other business was called for, when the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Abstracts of Faith, Gospel Order, Objects and Powers, and Rules of Decorum of this association be published in the minutes, and this resolution be made permanent for the future.
2. That the pastors and delegates to this association be requested to bring the subject of missions before their churches, and urge them to represent themselves by delegation and funds in the General Association.

3. That the clerk be instructed to have minutes of this meeting printed where he can get them the most neatly and promptly done, paying for the same when so done, and he approves the work; and that he distribute them among the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary \$20, printers fee, and postage, reserving a sufficient number of copies for distribution.

4. That all money on hand for the orphans, be sent by the treasurer to the Baptist orphanage at Jackson, Miss.

5. All funds remaining on hand after all expenses are met to be sent to the General Association for missions.

6. That we most heartily tender our sincere thanks to the Rock Branch church and community at large for their kind and generous entertainment of this association during this session.

The following resolution was read, and by motion was put on the table until next session, and then to be considered:

Resolved, That the time of meeting of this association be changed from Saturday before the third Sunday in September to Tuesday after the third Sunday, and embrace Thursdays, as it does now.

Motion carried that we now adjourn to meet with the Poplar Springs church, Newton county, Miss., on Saturday before the third Lord's day in September, 1904.

Elder J. W. Arnold is to preach the next introductory sermon, with Elder R. K. Cleveland alternate.

Elder W. B. Sansing is to preach the sermon on Missions, Sunday at 11 o'clock, with Elder W. L. Collins alternate.

While singing one of Zion's sweet songs, the parting hand was taken, thus closing one of the most pleasant sessions for a long time.

Closing prayer offered by J. E. Chapman, and benediction by Elder N. L. Clarke.

N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.

JAS. E. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Appendices.

Publications—A.

We, your committee, would submit the following:

The press is a great power in our land. If under the control of God-fearing and God-honoring men, then a power for good; but if in the hands of wicked men, then a power for evil.

There are a number of good, sound papers in our land, while there are others that are not worthy of our support.

We would, first of all, recommend the Mississippi Baptist, published at Newton, Miss., and edited by Elders N. L. Clarke and W. B. Sansing.

We feel that these noble soldiers of the cross are doing a grand work for the Master in our land. We urge our people to support the paper by their prayers and means, so that the good work may be carried on to the accomplishment of greater things.

We would also recommend the Baptist, published at Jackson, Miss., as being sound in the faith, and worthy of our support.

We would also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., and the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention for use in our Sunday schools, published at Nashville, Tenn.

Submitted.

F. M. BRELAND, Chairman.

Nominations—B.

We, your committee, would submit the following:

That Elder J. W. Arnold preach the next introductory sermon, on Saturday, with Elder R. K. Cleveland as alternate.

That Elder W. B. Sansing preach the sermon on Missions, on Sunday, with Elder W. L. Collins as his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. SIMMONS,
J. K. JORDAN,
T. D. HARDY.

Missions—C.

Your committee would report the following.

The subject of Missions is one that should engage the attention of every church, and every individual member thereof.

The spirit of Missions is the spirit of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To give the "Gospel to every creature" is an obligation that God has laid upon every regenerated soul. God makes these obligations for us, and we cannot repudiate them. Our beloved association has done much in the past in giving the Gospel to dying men and women, and we have reason to thank God, and take courage. While much has been done, much more remains to be done before we come up to a full discharge of this duty.

Enlightenment, enlistment and enlargement is the great need among us just now. It gives us great pleasure to note the growth among our people in these things. We believe there are more of our people taking an interest in Missions personally and otherwise than ever before. The Macedonian cry comes up from every part of the heathen world: "Come over and help us!" God in his power has opened a door for us, and commands us to enter, and "occupy till He come." God seems to have had confidence in us by calling us into His kingdom, and shall we betray that confidence by denying the "Lamp of life to the perishing nations of the earth?"

Shall we whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Shall we to men benighted
The lamp of life deny?
Salvation! Oh, Salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim,
Till earth's remotest nation
Has learned Messiah's name.

We would recommend that our pastors preach more on the subject of giving of our means to support our Mission work.

We would recommend, further, that quarterly collections be taken in all of our churches and sent up to the

General Association and her board for the maintainance of her work.

Let us not stop until every one is brought up to the Scriptural plan of giving: "On the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store according as the Lord has prospered him." 1 Cor., 16:2. This is God's plan, and we all ought to come up to a full discharge of this important duty.

May the Lord help us so to do.

Submitted,

JAS. E. CHAPMAN.

Sunday Schools—D.

We, your committee on Sabbath schools, beg to submit the following report:

We think that there is not enough interest taken in Sunday schools by us as a denomination. We have a report on Sabbath schools every year, its adoption is unanimous, and we go home and say no more about Sabbath schools until next year. We think something ought to be done, if possible, to stir our people to action in this work. The best definition of a Sunday school is, a church at work. The idea that none but children should be in the Sunday school is a great mistake.

A great many of our people are lacking in Bible knowledge. If we would bring our churches up to the Bible standard of Christianity and usefulness, they must know the Scriptures.

Our children, who are the hope of the land, and must take our places in the home, churches, associations, and indeed in all the walks of life, if they are ever fitted for these duties fully, must be taught the Bible; and this can be accomplished better in the Sunday school than anywhere else. Show us a live Sunday school and we will show you a prosperous church.

To this end we would urge the pastors and deacons to make a strong effort to organize a Sabbath school in every church, using the Bible, and as a help we would

recommend the literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention Board at Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,
H. BRUCE.

Finance—E.

We, your committee on finance, submit the following report:

We have examined the Treasurer's report, and find that he

Received last year	\$157 10
Disbursed	156 60

On hand	50
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Received at this meeting, association fund	\$ 94 45
Collected Sunday for missions	53 95
Collected on Sunday for orphans' home	14 40

Total on hand	\$163 30
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Submitted,

T. D. HARDY.
J. K. JORDAN.
G. W. BRANTLEY.

Education—F.

We submit the following report:

There is more attention given to education at present than ever before. There is no subject that calls for more serious consideration. We are living in an age when it is demanded. We may say with pride, that our country is well supplied with good schools.

Our system of public schools, whose term has been lengthened to six months in the year, we heartily approve of, and is of great benefit to the poorer classes of people.

We urge our people to make good use of it, and employ Christian teachers if possible. Education is an increase of power, and when controlled by pure princi-

ples of Christianity, it enables its possessor to do the greatest good to mankind and for the glory of God.

Therefore, we would highly commend Christian schools, and would mention Mississippi College, a school owned and controlled by Baptists for the higher education of our boys.

For our girls, we mention Hillman and Blue Mountain Colleges as worthy of our patronage.

R. K. CLEVELAND.

Orphanage—G.

We, the committee on orphanage, submit the following:

That we view the Orphans' Home at Jackson, Miss., as being one of the first institutions in our state, maintained and supported by our Baptist denomination.

God has given us our children and the little orphans, too, and commands us to care for and train them up in the way they should go, that when they grow old they may not depart therefrom.

We feel that the Orphans' Home is worthy of the support of every Baptist in our state.

We recommend that every pastor in our association bring this question before their churches, and urge them to make contributions for its support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. GRAHAM.

Queries and Requests—H.

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following:

We find two requests for this body to meet with them next year—one from New Ireland and the other from Poplar Springs churches.

We recommend that the association meet with the Poplar Springs church in her annual session for 1904.

We find one query from Union church, Newton county, as follows:

What is the opinion of the association with regard to one of our churches receiving into her membership an excluded member from a sister church, without first

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endeavoring to bring about a reconciliation between the excluded member and the church that excluded him?

To the above query, we would say that it is not advisable for one church to receive a member excluded from another, without possessing the facts in the case; yet, every church is an independent body, and is to transact its own business. If a church is aggrieved and offended at the action of a sister church, we recommend that the teachings of our Lord in Matthew 18:15, "If thy brother or sister trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone," be complied with as a condition of adjustment.

Respectfully submitted,

H. BRUCE, Chairman.

Temperance—I.

We, your committee on temperance, beg leave to report as follows:

By comparing the present with the past, we see an improvement in the morals of our country. We believe the stand taken by Christianity against immorality has been a great factor in bringing about this result. Therefore, we reaffirm our allegiance to the cause of temperance, and would recommend that we press forward in the good work, and while we would recommend a forward movement on all lines of temperance, we recommend total abstinence from the use of all intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and insist on Christians everywhere and of every name and order to join us in putting down this evil, and that we all raise our voices as the voice of one man against its baneful influence.

Christians do all in their power to suppress whiskey.

We believe it to be the duty of every Christian to vote against men who drink whiskey as a beverage.

W. B. SANSING.

Ordained Ministers and Their Postoffices.

J. W. Arnold	Stamper	W. B. Hammond	Doolittle
H. Bruce	Keenan	R. L. Herrington	Centralia
W. J. Bruner	Newton	W. H. Rainer	Chunkey
F. M. Breland	Dixon	B. W. Rainer	Chunkey
E. W. Breland	Hayes	Joe Rushing	Malco
N. L. Clarke	Newton	J. H. Satterfield	Newton
R. K. Cleveland	Riversville	D. M. Stroud	Lake
Jas. E. Chapman	Newton	W. B. Sansing	Newton
W. A. Coker	Baxter	W. P. Vaughn	Chunkey
W. L. Collins	Union	H. O. White	Hickory
N. A. Edmonds	Clinton	Wm. Yarbrough	Lawrence



Licentiates.

G. W. Brantley	Sebastapol	J. G. Giles	Chunkey
J. C. Rushing	Malco	W. H. Willis	Prospect
Jos. White	Riversville	A. L. Ingram	Dixon
R. W. Langham	Poplarville	A. J. Myers	Lake
G. M. May	Lawrence	J. W. Satterfield	Newton

Abstracts of Faith---Preamble.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly Baptised upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an association upon the following principles, viz.:

1. We believe in one triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him all his posterity; in consequence of which we inherit a fallen and depraved nature; consequently the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love, that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world, that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus—who, by the satisfaction He made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by His most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth

—that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Gospel Order.

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized upon a profession of their faith, and who have given themselves to one Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the teachings of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a presbytery of regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is a duty and privilege of all believers to make a public confession of their faith, to

submit to the ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

Objects and Powers of This Association.

1. This association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore, this association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters, when solicited, and in general to advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and the right shall never be called in question in this association. And any motion whereby this right is called in question shall be instantly ruled out by the moderator as being unconstitutional.

4. This association may maintain a friendly correspondence, when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The association may appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the association for all moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the association.

10. The association may form their own by-laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

Rules of Decorum.

1. The association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Mount Pisgah Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased during the preceding associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the association may direct.

4. This association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present at the succeeding association, until a new election takes place, and while in office shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more until her number shall exceed one hundred—three until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, and then four and no more.

7. The association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the association except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the association or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the association.

13. The moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without delay.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the association, and if not then decided, the moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the moderator, subject to the approval of the association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over when necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the moderator and clerk, before the association rise.

21. A motion of final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read by order from the moderator, as soon as the association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration and amendment at any regular meeting of the association by a majority of the association.

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CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	Missions	Orphans	Ministerial Aid	Mins. Ed.	Other Purposes	Pastors' Salary	Total
Bethel.....	Newton	\$ 150 00	\$50 00	\$36 50	\$14 15	.....	\$ 97 50	\$348 15
County Line.....	Neshoba	41 35	6 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	52 35
Cross Roads.....	Newton	9 35	.....	.....	.....	11 50	.....	20 85
Decatur.....	Newton	53 85	.....	.....	.....	31 00	75 00	159 85
Dixon.....	Neshoba	.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	7 00
Ebenezer.....	Neshoba	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	4 00
Hickory.....	Newton	96 00	10 65	38 00	.....	.....	145 00	289 65
Hebron.....	Newton	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 65	30 00	33 65
Lake.....	Scott	16 30	10 00	36 00	1 50	78 75	100 00	242 55
Midway.....	Newton	24 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00
New Prospect.....	Newton	.....	.....	4 20	.....	.....	38 50	42 70
Newton.....	Newton	30 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 00
New Providence.....	Newton	12 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 20
New Ireland.....	Newton	7 00	.....	4 10	.....	.....	13 70	24 80
Pleasant Hill.....	Newton	51 15	10 30	27 15	.....	.....	72 40	161 00
Pineknay.....	Newton	10 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	21 50	34 50
Poplar.....	Newton	4 30	.....	.....	.....	2 25	16 75	23 30
Salem.....	Scott	17 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	67 00
Sulphur Springs.....	Scott	10 90	.....	6 50	.....	.....	50 00	67 40
Sardis.....	Scott	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 09	35 00
Stamper.....	Newton	7 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	22 35
Union.....	Newton	26 65	1 75	7 50	.....	.....	30 00	65 90
Woodland.....	Neshoba	3 00	3 50	25 00	28 50
Liberty.....	Newton	16 35	3 25	25 00	46 75	91 35

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Bethany.....	Neshoba.....	Jas. E. Chap
Bethel.....	Newton.....	3	2	...	1	1	...	63	70	133	35	3 50	2	1	...	G. W. Brela
Beulah.....	Newton.....	6	4	1	1	51	85	136	40	4 00	3	1	1	G. W. Brela
County Line.....	Neshoba.....	1	13	1	2	26	45	71	25	2 50	4	1	1	G. W. Brela
Concord.....	Jasper.....	R. K. Clevel
Cross Roads.....	Newton.....	1	3	2	...	18	21	39	15	1 50	4	W. H. Rain
Centre Ridge.....	Newton.....	...	1	...	1	3	...	16	21	37	11	1 15	3	2	...	J. W. Ellis
Chunkey.....	Newton.....	8	3	...	3	25	43	68	20	2 25	2	N. L. Clark
Decatur.....	Newton.....	4	8	...	3	2	1	69	92	161	50	4 00	2	1	...	N. L. Carlis
Deleedar.....	Jasper.....	10	5	...	3	...	1	26	25	51	10	1 00	2	...	1	W. L. Collin
Dixon.....	Neshoba.....	10	2	4	...	18	22	40	20	2 00	1	W. L. Collin
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Ebenezer.....	Newton.....	...	2	...	4	1	...	17	38	55	10	1 00	3	J. W. Arno
Ebenezer.....	Neshoba.....	1	17	12	29	15	...	2	Joe Rushin
Ephesus.....	Scott.....	4	5	...	1	2	...	27	37	64	20	2 00	3	1	2	W. P. Vaug
Good Hope.....	Newton.....	1	2	13	17	30	15	1 50	2	W. J. Brun
Good Hope.....	Scott.....	4	3	...	2	1	...	14	25	39	10	1 00	3	1	...	Jas. E. Cha
Hickory.....	Newton.....	...	2	1	1	42	59	101	25	2 50	3	R. K. Clevel
Hebron.....	Newton.....	...	2	2	29	21	50	15	1 60	2	W. E. Hat
Lake.....	Scott.....	1	10	16	26	15	1 50	1	Jas. E. Chap
Liberty.....	Newton.....	2	27	45	72	15	1 50	4	F. M. Brela
Mt. Sinai.....	Neshoba.....	...	2	...	5	...	1	25	32	57	20	2 50	3	1	...	W. B. Sans
Midway.....	Newton.....	3	8	15	23	18	1 75	3	J. W. Ellis
Mt. Pleasant.....	Newton.....	9	4	24	56	80	15	1 50	2	G. W. Rain
Mt. Vernon.....	Newton.....	42	62	104	1	E. W. Brela
New Prospect.....	Newton.....	12	25	37	15	2 00	1	...	1	F. M. Brela
New Hope.....	Neshoba.....	3	...	1	56	65	121	35	4 00	4	1	...	Wm. Yarbro
New Hope.....	Scott.....	16	5	...	6	11	17	10	1 00	4	N. L. Clarke
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New Providence.....	Newton.....	1	4	...	3	20	20	40	10	1 00	1	1	1	J. W. Arno
New Ireland.....	Newton.....	3	1	1	...	2	...	25	15	40	20	2 00	2	W. L. Collie
Oakland.....	Newton.....	7	1	...	3	33	37	70	20	2 00	1	Jas. E. Chap
Pleasant Hill.....	Newton.....	7	1	...	12	44	73	117	30	3 00	1	J. W. Arno
Pinckney.....	Newton.....	1	1	13	20	33	15	1 50	4	1	...	G. W. Rain
Poplar Springs.....	Newton.....	1	7	...	6	3	1	43	93	136	20	2 00	3	2	1	Wm. Yarbro
Pine Bluff.....	Newton.....	3	4	...	10	2	1	24	43	67	30	3 00	1	1	...	Wm. Yarbro
Pine Ridge.....	Newton.....	2	7	3	1	18	34	52	15	1 50	2	1	1	J. W. Arno
Poplar.....	Newton.....	...	1	1	19	26	45	15	1 50	3	R. K. Clevel
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Union.....	Newton.....	6	7	23	29	52	20	2 00	1	J. H. Grundy
Union.....	Scott.....	10	2	...	1	...	1	22	25	47	15	5 00	4	R. L. Herring
Woodland.....	Neshoba.....	...	1	2	9	10	19	10	1 00	4
Prairie Concord.....	Newton.....	2	5	7	5
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CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	POSTOFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES—1903.
thany	Neshoba	Franks	Not represented.
rhel	Newton	Newton	R. L. Simmons, T. D. Hardy, Jas. E. Chapman.
lah	Newton	Roscoe	H. O. White, Wm. Graham, J. E. Graham.
nty Line	Neshoba	Union	M. W. Langham, J. F. Sansing.
icord	Jasper	Penantly	Not represented.
ss Roads	Newton	Cornelia	J. B. F. Bruce, E. Russell.
ter Ridge	Newton	Moore's Mill	W. H. Rainer, B. W. Rainer.
akey	Newton	Chunkey	J. J. Smith, T. J. Reynolds.
atur	Newton	Decatur	H. Bruce, T. L. Gaines, J. K. Jordan, G. P. Clarke.
edar	Jasper	Success	J. F. Weems, Thomas Cockerel.
on	Neshoba	Dixon	R. L. White, A. L. Ingram.
on	Neshoba	Engine	J. A. Grice, L. A. Chesney.
enezer	Newton	Lawrence	E. M. Nelson, John Hill.
enezer	Neshoba	Beech Springs	E. L. Walton, Abram Walters.
esus	Scott	Forest	A. J. Myers.
d Hope	Newton	Hickory	S. W. Monroe.
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kory	Newton	Hickory	J. A. White.
ron	Newton	Riversville	A. T. Cleveland.
e	Scott	Lake	By Letter.
rty	Newton	Newton	C. J. Simmons.
Sinal	Neshoba	Dixon	F. M. Breland, B. F. Lewis.
way	Newton	Newton	W. J. McMullen, R. R. Freeman.
Vernon	Newton	Hero	Not represented.
Pleasant	Newton	Chunkey	J. B. Gibbon, J. H. Cunningham.
Prospect	Newton	Prospect	W. L. Pace, C. M. Russell.
Hope	Neshoba	Centralla	W. B. F. Adams, J. M. Chipman, W. W. Rucker.
v Hope	Scott	Lake	J. T. Gordy.
rton	Newton	Newton	N. L. Clarke, W. B. Sansing.
v Providence	Newton	Chunkey	J. G. Giles.
w Ireland	Newton	Union	Nat. Gulley, S. J. Henry.
land	Newton	Moore's Mill	A. R. Reynolds, J. C. Harris.
asant Hill	Newton	Conehatta	W. N. Covington, A. J. Pace, T. B. Pace.
ckney	Newton	Stamper	J. W. Arnold, S. A. Gordon.
lar Springs	Newton	Newton	J. H. Satterfield.
rie Concord	Newton	Newton	Not represented.
e Bluff	Newton	Newton	W. B. Hammond, W. L. Robinson.
e Ridge	Newton	Lake	W. Burt, G. F. Williams.
plar	Newton	Cooksey	J. R. McCorkle, I. M. Bryant.
ek Branch	Newton	Union	R. K. Cleveland, W. L. Collins.
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mp	Newton	Stamper	B. W. Russell, J. T. McMullen.
on	Newton	Union	W. R. Moore, J. R. Galloway.
on	Scott	Harperville	M. C. Townsend.
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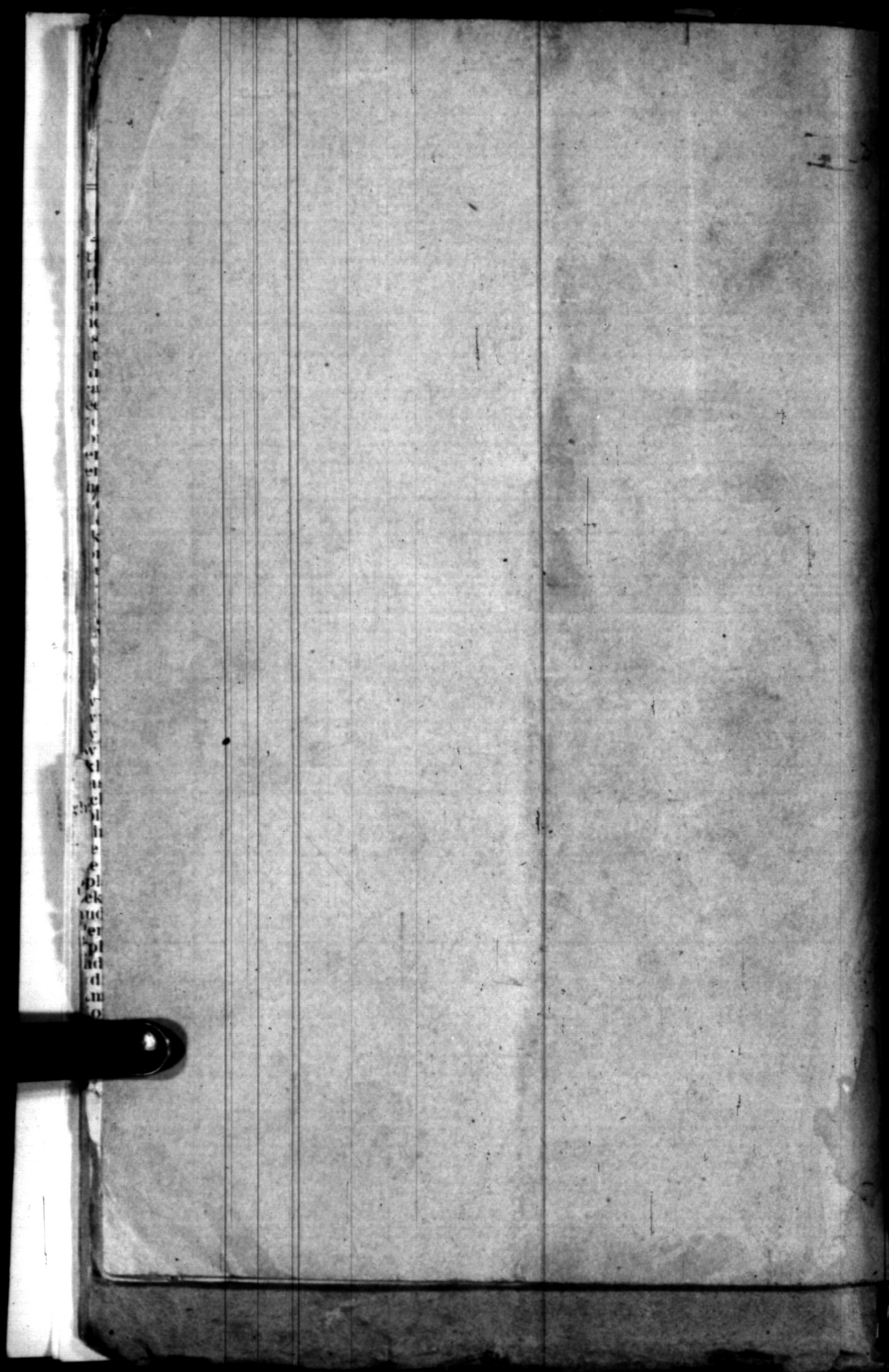
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STATE OF RELIGION AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CHURCHES.

To the Brethren and Sisters Composing the Churches
that form the Mt. Pisgah Association:-

Dear Brethren:

Through the mercy of God we are again in session, and this time with the Poplar Springs Church, and in our session for 1904, which is our sixty seventh annual session. We are glad to be able to say that we have had a very encouraging meeting, finely in keeping with the past years.

The weather has been fine, and the attendance nearly full; and great harmony has attended our deliberations. The letters from the churches represent them as in peace and prosperity. Many of them have had fine additions by baptism. So far as we can learn, all of the churches have preaching, and are in great oneness in doctrine, "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace."

We have been received with great cordiality by the church and community. The entertainment has been cheerful, abundant and good. Take our churches generally, and we are glad to believe that they are growing in Mission work. More generally there is a disposition to give for that great and God-honoring work.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Arnold, the appointee, and was able, instructive and well received.

We encourage you to pray for the peace and prosperity of our dear old Association. The constant flow of God's mercy upon us brings greater obligations. The servant having five talents was under greater obligations than he that had two. We trust our pastors will be faithful on the walls of Zion; that they will cry aloud and spare not. Let

us be sound in the faith.

We again urge our pastors, as watchmen, to watch the approaches of the enemy; for "the devil as a roaring lion, goeth about seeking whom he may devour, whom resist steadfast in the faith." The devil has but little use for an orderly, pure church. He knows better than to advance upon the point of the sword of the Spirit. The naked truth is more than a match for Satan.

Brethren, let your advancing cry be, The truth, the whole truth. Let the pastors be careful to feed the lambs as well as the sheep.

We are glad to say that our collections were the largest in the history of the Association. Hear the Lord as he speaks, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of Life."

N. L. CLARKE, Chairman.

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MT. PISGAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION IN ANNUAL SESSION
FOR 1904.

Saturday Morning, 11 o'Clock.

POPLAR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH,
NEWTON COUNTY, MISS., SEPT. 17, 1904.

At the above hour, Elder J. W. Arnold, the appointee, preached the introductory sermon to a large and appreciative congregation.

Text—Ephesians 2:8—"For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God."

Theme—Salvation by grace.

The sermon was very earnestly and feelingly delivered, was considered sound, and was well received and appreciated by the brethren.

Elder N. L. Clarke made a few timely remarks, after which one hour was spent in partaking of refreshments, which were abundant and did credit to the church and community.

Saturday Afternoon.

After singing the old song, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound", prayer was offered by Elder George W. Rainer. The Association was then convened in her sixty-seventh annual session by her venerable Moderator, Elder N. L. Clarke.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:
To Read Letters—W. J. McMullan, W. B. Sansing, G. P.

C. Sansing.

Finance—J. M. Lyles, J. K. Jordan, J. D. Pace.

The roll of churches was then called, letters read, and

messengers names enrolled.

All the churches were represented, either by messengers or letter, except Bethany, Neshoba county (which was reported dissolved), Concord, Jasper county, and Woodland, Neshoba county, all of which reported more or less encouraging conditions.

Elder H. Bruce was appointed to preach at the stand.

The time arrived for the body to re officer herself, on motion, agreed to do so by acclamation. The old officers were all re elected: Elder N. L. Clarke, moderator; Jas. E. Chapman, clerk; and J. E. Graham, treasurer. The first two accepting with thanks, the latter not present at the time, but came next day.

Petitionary letters were then called for, when Bluff Springs church, of Neshoba county, presented both a petitionary and statistical letter, and was duly received as a member of the body, the Moderator giving the hand of fellowship, in behalf of the Association, to her messengers.

On motion, visiting ministers were invited to seats. Eld. G. W. Rainer, of the New Liberty Association responded.

Correspondence from sister associations was then called for, when Elder G. W. Rainer was received from the New Liberty, and A. G. Graham, from Hopewell, both of whom were seated, the Moderator giving the hand of welcome.

The following committees were then appointed by the Moderator, the body concurring:

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On motion, the Moderator, Elder N. L. Clarke, was added.

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Sunday Schools—W. J. McMullan, J. W. Horn, J. T. Savell, J. G. Houston, W. J. Blass.

Queries and Requests—W. J. Bruner, W. R. James, J. P. Landy, H. O. Horne, G. P. C. Sansing.

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On motion a special committee was appointed on Obituaries—J. W. Arnold, W. N. Covington, J. M. Chipman, E. W. Breland, B. W. Rainer, H. Bruce.

A collection was ordered to be taken Sunday as follows: At close of forenoon services, for Foreign Missions; in the afternoon, for Baptist Orphanage.

Committee on preaching reported as follows:

Elder W. H. Rainer conduct prayer-meeting exercises at 10 o'clock Sunday morning at the stand. Elder W. B. Sansing, the regular appointee, to preach the annual sermon on Missions at 11 o'clock; Elder E. W. Breland to preach in the afternoon; Elder R. L. Herrington to preach Sunday night; Elder W. L. Collins at the stand Monday morning.

The business of the day being completed, by motion, the Association adjourned until 8:30 o'clock Monday morning.

Lord's Day Services.

At 10 o'clock Elder W. H. Rainer conducted the prayer meeting, quite a number of brethren leading.

At 11 o'clock, Elder W. L. Collins read a scriptural lesson, and offered prayer, after which the annual sermon on Missions was preached by Elder W. B. Sansing. Text—John 17:18. "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." Theme—The mission of Christ and his churches in the world. The sermon was an able exposition of the text, plain, practical, and bristled with many things calculated to instruct and edify the people of God. It was well received, and we hope much good will result from it. The congregation was very large, indeed, and as orderly as usual on such occasions. At the close of the services a collection was taken for missions, amounting to \$77.45.

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Nominations—W. H. Rainer, H. O. Horne, F. M. Mann, D. T. Chapman, C. R. Pace.

Education—G. P. C. Sansing, A. L. Ingraham, J. A. Brown, C. E. Mann.

Orphanage—W. B. Sansing, Jas. E. Chapman, A. F. Lindley, J. F. Sansing, J. D. Pace.

On motion a special committee was appointed on Obituaries—J. W. Arnold, W. N. Covington, J. M. Chipman, E. W. Breland, B. W. Rainer, H. Bruce.

A collection was ordered to be taken Sunday as follows: At close of forenoon services, for Foreign Missions; in the afternoon, for Baptist Orphanage.

Committee on preaching reported as follows:

Elder W. H. Rainer conduct prayer-meeting exercises at 10 o'clock Sunday morning at the stand. Elder W. B. Sansing, the regular appointee, to preach the annual sermon on Missions at 11 o'clock; Elder E. W. Breland to preach in the afternoon; Elder R. L. Herrington to preach Sunday night; Elder W. L. Collins at the stand Monday morning.

The business of the day being completed, by motion, the Association adjourned until 8:30 o'clock Monday morning.

Lord's Day Services.

At 10 o'clock Elder W. H. Rainer conducted the prayer meeting, quite a number of brethren leading.

At 11 o'clock, Elder W. L. Collins read a scriptural lesson, and offered prayer, after which the annual sermon on Missions was preached by Elder W. B. Sansing. Text—John 17:18. "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." Theme—The mission of Christ and his churches in the world. The sermon was an able exposition of the text, plain, practical, and bristled with many things calculated to instruct and edify the people of God. It was well received, and we hope much good will result from it. The congregation was very large, indeed, and as orderly as usual on such occasions. At the close of the services a collection was taken for missions, amounting to \$77.45.

Afternoon.

Elder E. W. Breland preached in the afternoon. Text—Matthew 7:13;14. The sermon was listened to with attention, and was sound and very practical. A collection was taken up for the Orphanage at the close of the discourse, which amounted to \$27.77.

The entertainment was abundant, and everything passed off well, so far as an ordinary observer could see.

At night Elder R. L. Herrington preached at the church a tender, comforting and encouraging sermon. Prayer was offered, a number giving their hands.

The services of the day, we feel, will glorify God, and benefit all who heard and wished to be benefitted.

Monday Morning. 8:30 o'Clock.

After a suitable song service, prayer was offered by Elder William Yarbrough, and the Association was convened as per adjournment on Saturday.

The roll was called and absentees excused.

Renewed called for churches not heard from, when Rock Branch presented her letter, which was read and messengers' names enrolled.

Renewed call for correspondence. None responded.

By order of the Moderator the Rules of Decorum were then read by the Clerk.

The following brethren were then appointed as corresponding messengers to the various associations named below, and on motion they were authorized to write their own letters, signing the Moderator's and Clerk's names to same:

New Liberty—J. E. Chapman, E. W. Sumrall, W. B. Sansing.

Harmony—E. W. Breland, A. L. Ingraham, Joe Rushing, J. W. Arnold.

Pearl Valley—H. Bruce, J. T. Savell, J. W. Arnold, J. D. Pace, D. M. Stroud.

Oktibbeha—J. R. Sansing, W. H. Rainer R. K. Cleveland, A. F. Lindley, R. L. Herrington.

Choctaw—None.

Hopewell—Joe Rushing, E. W. Sumrall.

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The following brethren were appointed as messengers to the General Association for the year 1904: N. L. Clarke, E. W. Sumrall, G. P. C. Sansing, A. F. Lindley, W. H. Rainer, J. R. Sansing, Joe Rushing, E. W. Breland, J. W. Arnold, D. M. Stroud, B. W. Rainer, A. L. Ingraham, H. Bruce, William Yarbrough, R. L. Herrington, J. E. Graham, D. T. Chapman, J. D. Pace, W. L. Robinson, W. W. Adams, R. K. Cleveland, J. M. Chipman, Thomas Keith, J. T. Savell, W. J. Bruner, A. J. Nichols, T. L. Gaines, J. K. Jordan, W. J. Cater, J. M. Bryant, G. W. Brantley.

Reports of Committees.

State of Religion—The report was read by W. B. Sansing, by request of the chairman, and was unanimously adopted. (See first page.)

Missions—Report read by R. K. Cleveland. Speeches were made by R. K. Cleveland, J. W. Arnold, N. L. Clarke, J. E. Chapman, J. R. Sansing, W. B. Sansing, E. W. Breland, T. J. Bounds, and on motion, R. K. Cleveland was allowed another speech. The discussions were lively, but in fine spirit. On motion, adopted. (Appendix A.)

Temperance—The report was read by W. J. McMullan. Pending discussion, on motion, speeches were limited to ten minutes. Discussed by D. M. Stroud and H. Bruce. Unanimously adopted. (Appendix B.)

Sunday Schools—Report read by W. J. McMullan. Remarks by W. B. Sansing, H. Bruce, W. J. Bruner, E. W. Sumrall, A. G. Graham. On motion, adopted. (Appendix C.)

On motion, Elder H. Bruce was appointed to correspond with Brother J. E. Byrd, who is working in the Sunday School department under appointment of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, in regard to Sunday School work among our churches.

Queries and Requests—The report was read by W. J. Bruner. On motion, the report was amended by striking out New Ireland as the next place of meeting, and substituting Union, Scott county. On motion the report was adopted as amended. (Appendix D.)

Publications—Report was read by E. W. Breland, spoken to by Joe Rushing, N. L. Clarke, W. B. Sansing, E. W. Bre-

land and H. Bruce. On motion, adopted. (Appendix E.)

The hour of noon arriving, adjourned one hour for dinner, which, as heretofore, was served in abundance.

Monday Evening.

After spending an hour in recreation, the Association re convened and reports of committees continued.

Nominations—The report was read by W. H. Rainer, and adopted without discussion. (Appendix F.)

Education—The report was read by G. P. C. Sansing, discussed by Jas. E. Chapman and then adopted. (Appendix G.)

Orphanage—Report read by W. B. Sansing. Remarks by W. B. Sansing, J. E. Chapman and N. L. Clarke. Unanimously adopted. (Appendix H.)

Obituaries—Report read by H. Bruce, and, on motion, adopted. (Appendix I.)

Finance—Report read by J. D. Pace, after which it was adopted. (Appendix J.)

All of the committees having reported, and they duly disposed of, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Abstracts of Faith, Gospel Order, Objects and Powers, and Rules of Decorum of this Association be published in the minutes, and this resolution be made permanent for the future.

2. That the pastors and delegates to this association be requested to bring the subject of missions before their churches, and urge them to represent themselves by delegation and funds in the General Association.

3. That the clerk be instructed to have the minutes of this meeting printed where he can get them the most neatly and promptly done, paying for same when so done and he approves the work: and that he distribute them among the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary of \$20, printer's fee, and postage, reserving a sufficient number of copies for distribution.

4. That all money on hand for the orphans, be sent by the Treasurer to the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss.

5. All funds remaining on hand after all expenses are met to

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be sent to the General Association for missions.

6. That we most heartily tender our sincere thanks to the Poplar Springs church and community at large for their kind and generous entertainment of this association during this session.

7. That, as a new association is to be organized between Newton and Laurel, and that as some of the churches that belong to this association may wish to go into the organization of said Association, we hereby authorize the Clerk of this body to write letters of dismission to such churches.

8. That we now adjourn to meet with Union Church, Scott county, Miss., on Saturday before the third Lord's day in September, 1905.

Union is near Harpersville, Miss. Elder R. K. Cleveland is to preach the introductory sermon Saturday, with Elder E. W. Breland as alternate. Elder W. L. Collins is to preach the annual sermon on Missions Sunday with Elder F. M. Breland alternate.

While singing an appropriate song, the parting hand was given in tenderness, thus closing an interesting session of this grand old body. The closing prayer was made by the venerable Moderator, after which came the old doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Benediction by the Moderator.

N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.

JAS. E. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

APPENDICES.

Missions—A.

Your committee on Missions report as follows: The great command of our Lord to his disciples is to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. This is our duty. It is mission work. Other things may be needful, but the preaching of the Gospel of Christ to the destitute and perishing, and the support of those who preach it in the light of the New Testament is the all important work. "Go teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost"—then teach the observance of all things commanded, is the divine order and command of the great Head of the church.

The great apostle to the Gentiles was the chief missionary of his day. He went where others had not gone, and preached Jesus and him crucified while the churches ministered to his temporal wants. God wants the whole world to have the Gospel

1. Because it bears the message of his love to the lost and guilty, and tells them that "He is able to save to the utmost all that come to God by him."

2. Because the Gospel is the only appointed means whereby sinners can be pointed to Christ. "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

Dear brethren, let us consider our prosperity well, that we may purpose to give commensurate with the same. "Give and it shall be given." Let us go forward.

R. K. CLEVELAND, Chairman.

Temperance—B.

We your committee on Temperance would submit the following: We believe that intemperance is one of the greatest evils known to humanity, and the devil succeeds through this channel causing more harm, wrecking more lives, and leading more souls down to an endless hell, than in any other way. We know that we have made some progress against this curse in putting down the open saloon, and that public sentiment is growing more against intemperance; but when we look at the extent to which the

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"blind tiger" business has grown, we are made to doubt whether we are making any real progress. There is hardly any place in our land where this evil is not being felt. The young men of our country, who must soon take our places in the homes, in the government and in the churches, are in danger of being led to ruin by them. Crime is increasing, society is being molested, and even our religious gatherings are sometimes interfered with. We think it is time that we should become alarmed and unite our efforts to put down this evil. There are too many Christians in the state of Mississippi for this evil to exist, if all would do their duty.

Now, as a remedy for this evil, we appeal to every parent to teach their children the evils of intemperance, and to totally abstain from it themselves, and then come out boldly against it. While we work, let us pray for success. Then when you go to vote, don't forget to vote for what you have been praying—sober, Christian men who have right convictions, and the courage to enforce them; men who will execute the law in the fear of God and in the interest of our country.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. COLLINS, Chairman.

Sunday Schools—C.

Your committee on Sunday Schools submit the following:

We deem it a matter of great importance that a Sunday School be maintained by every church for the express purpose of studying the Scriptures, and teaching them to our children. We would urge the churches to be more zealous in this work—see that the schools have consecrated teachers, teaching, first of all, the Bible, and then Baptist Sunday School literature and such other helps as may be required. We would urge the membership to take a more active part in the schools, and strive to induce the entire community to take part also in this great work; remembering that the good Book teaches that we should train our children in the way they should go, and when they become old they will not depart therefrom; "For in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not."

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. McMULLAN, Chairman.

Queries and Requests—D.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following:

We find five requests for the next meeting of this Association: New Ireland, Union (Newton Co.,) Union (Scott Co.,) Pleasant Hill, and Poplar. We recommend Union, Scott Co., as the place of your meeting in 1905.

We find two requests for letters of dismission (Randall Hill and Bethel) from this body, provided a new association is formed between Newton and Laurel. We recommend their requests be granted.

Respectfully submitted

W. J. BRUNER, Chairman.

Publications—E.

Your committee submits the following:

Our people are a reading people, and we appreciate such; yet we think it very necessary to be careful as to the quality and soundness of the literature that is read among us, knowing, as we do, that there is so much that is hurtful and trashy that is now being circulated among us.

Therefore, we would first of all recommend the Mississippi Baptist, published at Newton, Miss., by Elder W. B. Sansing, as a reliable paper, and would urge all to subscribe, pay for and read the same. We also recommend The Baptist, published at Jackson, Miss., as sound and reliable. We would commend also the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., and the Sunday School literature of the Southern Baptist Convention, published at Nashville, Tenn.

Submitted,

E. W. BRELAND.

Nominations—F.

Your committee submit the following report:

That Elder R. K. Cleveland preach the next introductory sermon on Saturday, with Elder E. W. Breland as alternate; Elder W. L. Collins the annual sermon on Missions on Sunday at 11 o'clock, with F. M. Breland as his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. RAINER, Chairman.

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Education—G.

We your committee on Education submit the following:

The question of education and schools are engaging the attention of our people more largely than ever before. Our people want better schools, and in order to have better schools we must have better teachers. The teachers should by all means be Christians; and inasmuch as they have the lives of the children to guide, they should know how to direct them aright. We believe that education, when properly applied, is the means of the greatest usefulness in the cause of Christ. Therefore we urge our people to give their children the very best advantages possible of obtaining an education.

We would, above all, urge our young ministers to prepare themselves for the great duties before them. We highly commend Christian schools, and would mention, as the best Baptist colleges, Mississippi College for our boys, and Blue Mountain and Hillman colleges for our girls.

Submitted.

G. P. C. SANSING.

Orphanage—H.

We your committee on the Orphan's Home submit the following:

The Mississippi Baptist Orphanage is located at Jackson, and is one of the best Homes to be found anywhere. This Home is owned by the Baptists of the State, and is controlled by a Board of Trustees, elected by the State Convention and the General Association. It is under the direct supervision now of Brother J. R. Carter, assisted by Mrs. J. R. Carter, who are elected by the Board of Trustees. Brother and sister Carter are devoted to the Home and children, and well deserve the esteem and confidence of all.

The Orphanage at Jackson is well equipped, and is a model home. They have a good, comfortable building, a nice little farm, a good school, steam laundry, printing outfit, etc. The children are not only well clothed and fed, but they are educated. They are also trained to work—the boys to do farm and mechanical work, and the girls to do general housework. The social, moral and religious status of the Orphanage is excellent.

While our Orphanage is a Baptist institution, its doors are

open to every worthy white orphan in the state, regardless of religious training.

There are now about eighty children in the Home, whose support comes from voluntary contributions. The Orphanage has no endowment, but is sustained entirely by voluntary contributions by those who are friendly to the work.

The Orphanage owns a printing outfit, and they publish the Gem, a monthly sheet issued in the interest of the Orphanage. This paper is gotten out by the orphans and Bro. Carter, and is worth twenty-five cents a year. Every Baptist should take and read the Gem.

To support the eighty children in the Home, and the additional ones that come in, means much money, or its equivalent. It takes about \$5.00 a month to support one child. Money, clothing, provisions, and anything that can be used is accepted. The Orphanage has been well sustained during the last twelve months, and let us not relax our efforts. Every church and Sunday School should at least once a year send up a contribution to the Orphanage. Our pastors should not forget to present the claims of the Orphanage to their people, and take a collection for it. No one doubts the worthiness of the institution, and all who know Bro. Carter know him to be worthy of our utmost confidence. Therefore let us stand by the Orphanage in a substantial way.

Submitted,

W. B. SANSING.

Obituaries - I.

Your committee submits the following:

We learn from the reports sent up from the churches, that the angel of death has visited a number of homes in the bounds of the Association, and that several of our brethren and sisters have been called from this life of service to their rewards in heaven.

We would make special mention of our beloved brother in the ministry, W. P. Vaughn, of Chunkey, who was an active, zealous and faithful steward of God, and will be greatly missed in this body and among the churches and people where he labored. His affliction was severe, but he bore it with great patience, and was entirely submissive to the will of the Lord, and ended his life in the full triumphs of a living faith.

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We mention our beloved and aged brother, Wm. Graham, who was a great lover of this Body and of the Master's work, and who occupied a warm place in the hearts of all who knew him. He was born Feb. 7, 1822, and died August 29, 1904, age 82 years, 6 months and 22 days. He professed faith in Christ in December 1842, and was baptized into the fellowship of Decatur church, by Elder Goss. Likely about 1852, he moved his membership to Beulah Church, of which he lived a consistent member until his death. He spent 62 years of his life in active service of the Lord. What an exemplary life? No doubt he could say as the apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, and not for me only, but for all of them that love his appearing."

We can truly say that two great and good men have fallen. But we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well, feeling that our loss is their gain.

We note the following names, as reported from the churches, all of whom we feel were worthy:

BRETHREN

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C. G. Johnson
A. E. Kirkland
James Taylor
W. W. Taylor
Wade Cochran
I. M. Nichols
John Leashly

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Donie Harrison
S. S. Ritch
S. M. Bates
Queenie Ladd
Jennie Herrington
Susan Simmons
Catharine Phillips
Mittie Freeman
E. D. Chipman
E. P. Herrington

Submitted

J. W. ARNOLD, Chairman.

Finance—J.

We your committee on Finance submit the following:

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find that he

Received last year	\$163 55
Disbursed	163 30
Balance on hand	25

Received at this meeting, Associational fund	\$100 60
Collected for Missions	77 45
Collected for Orphanage	27 77
Total,	\$206 07

Submitted

J. M. LYLES,
J. D. PACE,
J. K. JORDAN,
—Committee.

Ordained Ministers and Their Post-Offices.

J. W. Arnold.....Post Oak	W. B. Hammond.....Newton
H. Bruce.....Decatur	R. L. Herrington.....Sol
W. J. Bruner.....Newton	W. H. Rainer.....Chunkey
F. M. Breland.....Sierra	B. W. Rainer.....Chunkey
E. W. Breland.....Zion	Joe Rushing.....Malco
N. L. Clarke.....Decatur	J. H. Satterfield.....Newton
R. K. Cleveland...Decatur	D. M. Stroud.....Lake
Jas. E. Chapman...Newton	W. B. Sansing.....Newton
W. A. Coker.....Baxter	W. P. Chapman.....Newton
W. L. Collins.....Union	H. O. White.....Decatur
N. A. Edmonds.....Clinton	Wm. Yarbrough...Lawrence
E. W. Sumrall...Bartlett.	

Licentiates.

G. W. Brantley..Sebastapool	J. G. Giles.....Chunkey
J. C. Rushing.....Malco	F. W. Green.....Dixon
Jos. White.....Riversville	A. L. Ingram.....Dixon
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Abstracts of Faith.—Preamble.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an association upon the following principles, viz.:

1. We believe in one triune of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him all his posterity; in consequence of which we inherit a fallen and depraved nature; consequently the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love, that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world, that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus—who, by the satisfaction He made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by His most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Gospel Order.

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized upon a profession of their faith, and who have given themselves to one Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the teachings of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel Ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a presbytery of regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is a duty and privilege of all believers to make a public confession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

Objects and Powers of this Association.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore, this Associa-

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2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters, when solicited, and in general to advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion whereby this right is called in question shall instantly be ruled out by the Moderator as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence, when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn at any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own by-laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

Rules of Decorum.

1. The Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the

churches to which they respectfully belong, and shall be styled the Mount Pisgah Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased during the preceding associational year, with the number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more until her number shall exceed one hundred—three until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, and then four and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on

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the Association or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all who desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without delay.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over when necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rise.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read by order from the Moderator as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration and amendment at any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Aid	Building and Repairing	Pastor's Sal.	Other Purposes.	Total	Value Church
Bethel	Newton	202 68	42 80	38 75	700 00	100 50	6 25	10 90	98 1200 00
County Line	Neshoba	69 95	6 00	11 75				87 70	250 00
Decatur	Newton	70 00					55 10	125 10	1000 00
Dixon	Neshoba	25 65		6 00		70 50		102 15	
Enon	Neshoba	5 10						5 10	
Hickory	Newton	106 50	12 00	83 00		135 00		336 50	800 00
Hebron	Newton	19 05		5 70		31 75		56 50	
Lake	Scott	14 00		47 00		56 75	40 50	158 25	1000 00
Liberty	Newton	21 00	6 16	23 05	100 00	50 00		200 21	800 00
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	21 00	7 50			32 50		61 00	
Midway	Newton	30 00	2 55			39 00	6 45	78 00	
New Prospect	Newton	30 30	7 50	13 35		45 00		58 35	
New Hope	Neshoba	128 70	7 00	2 75		42 75		83 30	
Newton	Newton	15 25	2 80	56 00		225 00	40 00	456 70	1200 00
New Providence	Newton	125 45	8 00	32 75	2 00			20 05	
Pleasant Hill	Newton	36 00	3 00	8 15		78 25		244 45	300 00
Pinckney	Newton	6 05	4 20			23 50		70 65	300 00
Poplar	Newton	12 50	2 55	6 00		15 50		25 75	200 00
Salem	Scott	22 40	3 15	8 80		59 00		80 05	300 00
Sulphur Springs	Scott	83 35	9 00	9 00		50 00	6 70	84 35	
Stamper	Newton					30 00		36 70	500 00
Union	Newton					50 00	2 50	153 85	

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CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Males	Females	Total	Number Minutes	Ass'n Fund	Time of Meeting	Ordained Ministers	Licentiate	PASTORS.
Bethel	Newton	1						64	70	134	30	3 05	second	1		Jas E. Chapman
Beulah	Newton	9	1		10	1		48	87	135	40	4 00	third	1	1	G. W. Breland
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	2	14					15	20	35	20	2 00	second	1		W. L. Collins
County Line	Neshoba	11			3	3	1	28	48	76	25	2 50	fourth	1	1	G. W. Breland
Concord	Jasper															
Cross Roads	Newton	1	3		5			16	21	37	15	1 50	fourth			R. K. Cleveland
Centre Ridge	Newton	3	1	2	7			16	18	34	10	1 00	third	2		W. H. Rainer
Chunkey	Newton	14	5		2			24	57	81	25	2 50	third	1	1	N. R. Stone
Decatur	Newton	5	7		8			69	96	165	50	4 00	second	2		N. L. Clarke
DeCedar	Jasper	3	1					23	25	48	10	1 00	first			N. L. Carlisle
Dixon	Neshoba	3	3		1	1		22	23	45	15	1 50	second	2		W. L. Collins
Enon	Neshoba	1	4	1	5	4		27	46	73	35	3 50	third			W. L. Collins
Ebenezer	Newton	14	7	3	2	2		32	45	77	15	1 55	third	1		W. B. Hammonds
Ebenezer	Neshoba	4						18	14	32	15	1 50	first			J. W. Arnold
Good Hope	Scott	1	4	1	1	3	1	26	43	69	20	2 00	first	1	1	W. B. Hammonds
Good Hope	Newton	7			1			16	19	35	15	1 50	second			J. H. Satterfield
Hickory	Scott				10	2		12	17	29	10	1 00	third			W. J. Bruner
Hebron	Newton	16	21		2	1	1	58	78	136	40	4 00	third			Jas. E. Chapman
Lake	Newton	10	2		2	1		33	26	59	25	2 50	second			R. K. Cleveland
Liberty	Scott	4			1			12	23	35	15	1 50	third			F. A. Freeman
Mt. Sinai	Newton	12	2		1			37	45	82	20	2 00	fourth			Jas. E. Chapman
Midway	Neshoba				11	3	2	15	21	36	20	2 00	third	1		F. M. Breland
Mt Vernon	Newton		1		1			8	15	23	15	1 50	third			W. B. Sansing
Mt Pleasant	Newton	3	3		4			45	59	103	30	3 00	first			G. W. Rainer
New Prospect	Newton	20	8		15	1		37	56	93	23	2 30				J. W. Ellis
New Hope	Newton	15	1	1	4	1		21	30	51	25	3 00	second			E. W. Breland
New Hope	Neshoba	2	3	3	3	4		40	46	86	20	2 10	fourth			F. M. Breland
New Hope	Scott	2	6					9	15	24	10	1 00	fourth			Wm. Yarbrough
New Providence	Newton				13	1	2	45	27	72	30	2 00	second	2		W. B. Sansing
New Ireland	Newton	2			1			23	16	39	20	2 00	first			W. L. Collins
Oakland	Newton	5			2	1		32	40	72	20	2 00	first			Jas. E. Chapman
Pleasant Hill	Newton	3			6	1		42	74	116	30	3 00	first	1		J. W. Arnold
Pinckney	Newton	9						16	27	43	15	1 50	fourth	2		G. W. Rainer
Poplar Springs	Newton	1	1	1	2	2		39	92	131	30	3 00	third	1		E. W. Sumrall
Prairie Concord	Newton	1	1	1	4			6	10	16	10	1 00	fourth	1		Wm. Yarbrough
Pine Bluff	Newton	1	1	1	1			24	42	66	30	3 00	first	2		Wm. Yarbrough
Pine Ridge	Newton	6			4	1		15	30	45	20	2 00	second	1		J. W. Arnold
Poplar	Newton							22	26	48	15	1 50	fourth			R. K. Cleveland
Rock Branch	Newton	3	3					32	45	77	25	2 50	third	1		W. A. Coker
Randal Hill	Jasper	1	2		3			14	27	41	11	1 10	fourth	1		W. B. Sansing
Salem	Scott	1	1	2				8	20	28	15	2 00	first	1		E. W. Breland
Sulphur Springs	Scott				1	1		29	33	62	20	2 00				H. Bruce
Sand Springs	Newton				1	1		23	35	58	10	1 00	first			H. Bruce
Sardis	Scott	4			8	1		18	31	49	15	1 50	first			Wm. Yarbrough
Stamper	Newton				1			12	18	30	15	1 50	third	1		G. W. Breland
Union	Newton	5	5		3			24	34	58	25	2 50	first			C. S. Gordon
Union	Scott	11	3					29	31	60	20	5 00	first			R. L. Herrington
Woodland	Neshoba							10	10	20	10		fourth			
Total		190	149	19	191	31	24	1252	1760	3012	989	100	60	23	10	

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CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICE.	DELEGATES.
Bethel	Newton	Newton	J. M. Lyles, S. S. Garvin, J. E. Chapman
Beulah	Newton	Decatur	J. E. Graham
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	Union	R. L. Herrington
County Line	Neshoba	Union	J. R. Sansing, J. F. Sansing,
Concord	Jasper	Persimmon	Not represented
Cross Roads	Newton	Decatur	E. Russell, M. F. Mann
Centre Ridge	Newton	Chunkey	W. H. Rainer
Chunkey	Newton	Chunkey	By letter
Decatur	Newton	Decatur	N. L. Clarke, J. K. Jordan, T. L. Gaines
DeCedar	Jasper	Success	E. M. Harris, John Roberts
Dixon	Neshoba	Dixon	A. L. Ingram
Enon	Neshoba	Engine	By letter
Ebenezer	Newton	Lawrence	W. D. Hammons, T. J. Bounds
Ephesus	Neshoba	Beech Springs	R. W. Brantley
Good Hope	Scott	Forest	B. A. Myers, Joe Rushing
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory	T. H. Williams, J. M. Biggs
Hickory	Newton	Lake	O. F. Waltman, Emanuel Lee
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	T. J. Fiddell, J. A. Brown, J. A. White
Hickory	Newton	Decatur	J. W. Huey, J. P. Reynolds
Lake	Scott	Lake	C. E. Mann
Liberty	Newton	Newton	D. H. Yarbrough, A. J. Rainer, Sr.
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	Dixon	By letter
Midway	Newton	Newton	W. J. McMullan, B. F. Gibson
Mt. Vernon	Newton	Chunkey	L. H. Armstrong, B. B. Allen
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	Hero	J. W. Horn, Joe Tisdale, R. E. Yarbrough
New Prospect	Newton	Prospect	J. T. Savell, J. D. McNair
New Hope	Neshoba	Union	J. M. Chipman, J. O. Houston
New Hope	Newton	Chunkey	Green Gould
Newton	Newton	Barefoot	W. R. Jones, A. F. Lindley
Newton	Newton	Hickory	J. F. Lundy
Pleasant Hill	Newton	Conehatta	W. J. Blass
Pinckney	Newton	Stamper	W. N. Covington, Reuben Bishop, W. W. Adams.
Pinckney Springs	Newton	Newton	J. W. Arnold, A. J. Gordon
Prairie Concord	Newton	Newton	W. J. Brunner, J. H. Satterfield, E. S. Edwards
Pine Bluff	Newton	Lake	J. T. May, W. L. Robinson
Pine Ridge	Newton	Cooksey	Wm. Yarbrough, D. M. Stroud
Poplar	Newton	Bartlett	I. M. Bryant
Rock Branch	Newton	Union	E. W. Sumrall, T. C. Thrash
Randal Hill	Jasper	Baxter	R. K. Cleveland
Salem	Scott	Gail	W. A. Coker, J. D. McCord
Sulphur Springs	Scott	Hayes	A. J. Nichols
Sand Springs	Newton	Hickory	E. W. Breland, W. J. Cater
Sardis	Scott	Sebastapol	J. H. Gibson, C. C. Bradley
Stamper	Newton	Stamper	G. W. Brantley, Charley Wolverton
Union	Newton	Union	H. O. Horn, T. J. McMullan
Union	Scott	Harpersville	W. L. Collins, J. D. Pace
Woodland	Neshoba	Waldo	J. L. Putman, O. G. Rushing
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